

Give the Gift of Friendship... Join the Friends of the New Bedford Free Public Library

The Friends of the New Bedford Free Public Library recently held their Annual meeting on September 17th. In addition to the meeting the Friends hosted an interactive murder mystery entitled *Booked for Murder!* This piece was written specifically for the library by Frank Hauser, a writer and director from Georgetown, MA. Mr. Hauser has been an actor for Boston's Mystery Cafe for the last three years, as were most of the cast of four. However the hit of the night was the tap dance by special guest, School Committeewoman Jill Ussach. The audience member who solved the mystery was the Library's own Janis Gomes who received a \$100 gift certificate to the Mystery Café in Boston which was donated by the Café to the event.

Also that evening the Friends launched their new eco-friendly tote bag, perfect for carrying library materials. The royal blue bags, which feature the new logo of the Friends, are available at all library locations for \$2 each.

If you enjoyed yourself that evening or were unable to attend, then join us for our next event – *An Evening with the Colonel* on Wednesday November 18th at 6:30 pm at the Wamsutta Club. Barbara F. Bedell will give an illustrated talk on Edward H.R. Green, the eccentric son of New Bedford's famous Hetty Green. Ms. Bedell is the author of *Colonel Edward Howland Robinson Green and the World He Created at Round Hill*. She began her research by investigating one of the most interesting private properties on the east coast, Round Hill. On the way, she became enamored with Edward H.R. Green, discovering a man who was far more interesting, knowledgeable, curious, generous and intelligent than historical books have previously credited him.

Tickets to this event are \$15 for members and \$25 for non-members (the latter includes individual membership in the Friends of the Library!) and are available at Baker Books, 69 State Rd., Dartmouth and Elaine's, 767 Purchase St., New Bedford. The ticket includes the program and complimentary hors d'oeuvres with a cash bar. For more information contact Judith Downey at 508-991-6218 or visit the Friends website at www.nbfol.org or e-mail: friendsofnbplib@gmail.com.

Holiday Hours

Wednesday, Nov. 11 – Closed
Wednesday, Nov. 25 – ½ day – Wilks and Casa
open 10-1:30pm; Main Library open 1-4:30pm
Thursday, Nov. 26 – Closed
Friday, Nov. 27 – Closed

Thursday, Dec. 24 – Closed
Friday, Dec. 25 – Closed
Thursday, Dec. 31 – Closed
Friday, Jan. 1 – Closed

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Painting Added to Library's Special Collections

A recent donation by a former New Bedford resident has provided the Library with a second example of work by a noted local artist. The oil painting by Ernest Pettengill (1886-1951) depicting a pier near the New Bedford-Fairhaven Bridge is a gift from Mr. Jan Prastek of Rhode Island. It had previously belonged to his mother Janie Jablonski Prastek, herself a painter for the decorating firm Fuller & Barker on Union Street.

New Bedford Wharf compliments Pettengill's *Dock Scene*, which was donated to the library by the New Bedford Rotary Club in 1951, shortly before the artist's death. Together, they represent the only works in the library's art collection that use the twentieth-century fishing industry as a theme.

Pettengill was known primarily as a portrait photographer, a field in which he won several awards before joining the faculty of Swain School of Design in 1936. Accomplished in several other mediums, the docks of the greater New Bedford area, Cape Cod and the North Shore were among his favorite painting subjects.

Pettengill's photographer's eye is reflected in the sometimes dramatic cropping of his compositions, the best example being *Dock Scene*. Although he worked in a representational style, the network of intersecting lines and blocks of color in *New Bedford Wharf* turn the masts, ropes, building edges, light and shadows into a series of geometric patterns that keep the viewer's eye moving through the painting.

In addition to the Ernest Pettengill painting, the donation included a photograph of the last New Bedford whaler, *The Wanderer*, framed in wood taken from the wrecked ship in 1925; and memorabilia related to Janie Jablonski's teenage years as a commercial art student at New Bedford Vocational High School, during which she won a number of awards, as well as her career as a decorative painter at Fuller & Barker.

Both Pettengill paintings can be seen in the library's Art Room during the public hours listed on the back of this newsletter.



Ernest Pettengill, *New Bedford Wharf*, oil on board, 1936.
Gift of Mr. Jan Prastek in memory of Janie Jablonski

Kidz Korner

New Releases for Young People

- Godberson, Anna – *Splendor: A Luxe Novel*
- Haddix, Margaret Peterson – *Claim to Faim*
- Horowitz, Anthony – *Crocodile Tears: An Alex Rider Novel*
- Hunter, Erin – *Fourth Apprentice (Warriors: Omen of the Stars Series)*
- O'Connor, Jane – *Fancy Nancy: Heart to Heart*
- O'Connor, Jane – *Fancy Nancy: Splendiferous Christmas*
- Patterson, James – *Witch & Wizard*
- Watson, Jude – *The 39 Clues Book 6: In Too Deep*



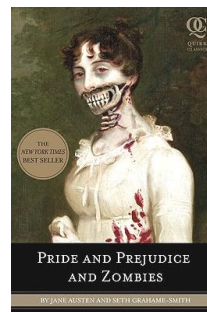
Children at the Lawler Library watch the magic of Walter Childs. All New Bedford libraries had spooky entertainment for Halloween, sponsored by the Friends of the New Bedford Free Public Library.

Austen Gone Wild

Jane Austen is not just the author of universal classics such as *Pride and Prejudice* and *Emma*. Her enduring works have made her a cultural icon. Such widespread recognition often leads to nods of acknowledgment in pop culture, and Austen is no exception.

Currently enjoying the height of popularity are vampires and zombies, due to such books and movies as Stephenie Meyer's *Twilight* series. Many books have used Austen and characters such as Mr. Darcy as springboards for their own books, but never before in the way they are being used now.

Several books have been recently released featuring Austen's works with a surprising twist – the addition of zombies or vampires. Because Austen's works are no longer protected by copyright, they fall within public domain, and can be "modified" by authors such as Seth Grahame-Smith, who added the aforementioned zombies to *Pride and Prejudice* to create *Pride and Prejudice and Zombies*, or by Ben H. Winters, who has created *Sense and Sensibility and Sea Monsters*. Other authors take Austen's characters and re-imagine their lives.



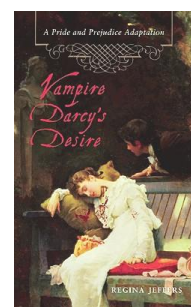
Can't picture it? Well, read this opening line from *Pride and Prejudice and Zombies*:

"It is a truth universally acknowledged that a zombie in possession of brains must be in want of more brains."

No need to roll your eyes; the book is fun while remaining faithful to Austen's work.

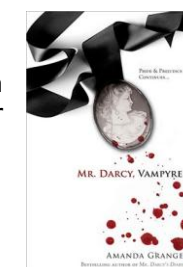
Published as a "Quirk Classic," the style follows Austen's original text very closely, adding zombie gore and mayhem while featuring Elizabeth Bennet as a ninja-trained, sword-yielding zombie fighter both in print and illustration. The book also includes a playful reader's discussion guide.

Other books continue the stories started in Austen's books, with some undead fun thrown in. In *Mr. Darcy, Vampyre*, by Amanda Grange, Elizabeth and Darcy leave for their honeymoon, but Darcy has a dark secret he is keeping from his bride.



Vampire Darcy's Desire, by Regina Jeffers, re-imagines Darcy as a tormented vampire, drawn to Elizabeth despite his vow to remain alone.

If you enjoy writers such as Anne Rice, Regina Jeffers, Stephenie Meyer, and of course, Jane Austen, then give these creative books a shot.



The Hot List (Upcoming Books)

These popular authors are publishing new books in the next few months. They might not be in bookstores or libraries yet, but if they are in our catalog, you can still put them on hold and be near the top of the list!



November

- Brown, Sandra - *Rainwater*
 - Butcher, Jim – *First Lord’s Fury*
 - Crichton, Michael – *Pirate Latitudes*
 - Cussler, Clive – *The Wrecker*
 - Gore, Al – *Our Choice* (nonfic)
 - Grisham, John – *Ford County*
 - Harrison, Kim – *White Witch, Black Curse*
 - Howard, Linda - *Ice*
 - Jacobs, Kate – *Knit the Season*
 - King, Stephen – *Under the Dome*
- Kingsolver, Barbara – *Lacuna*
 - Koontz, Dean - *Breathless*
 - Macomber, Debbie – *One Simple Act* (nonfic)
 - Michaels, Fern – *Deadly Deals (Sisterhood #16)*
 - Palin, Sarah – *Going Rogue* (nonfic)
 - Patterson, James – *I, Alex Cross*
 - Robb, J.D. – *Kindred in Death*
 - Rutherford, Edward – *New York*
 - Shaara, Jeff – *No Less than Victory*

December

- Balogh, Mary – *Matter of Class*
 - Berry, Steve – *Paris Vendetta*
 - Childs, Laura – *Eggs Benedict Arnold*
 - Coonts, Stephen – *The Disciple*
 - Deveraux, Jude – *Days of Gold*
 - Grafton, Sue – *U is for Undertow*
 - Griffin, W.E.B. – *Honor of Spies*
 - Hamilton, Laurell K. – *Divine Misdemeanors*
 - Hunter, Stephen – *I, Sniper*
- Jance, J.A. – *Trial by Fire*
 - Krentz, Jayne Ann – *Fired Up*
 - Lackey, Mercedes – *Changing the World*
 - McCall Smith, Alexander – *La’s Orchestra Saves the World*
 - McCloughlin, Emma – *Nanny Returns*
 - Mortenson, Greg – *Stones into Schools* (nonfic)
 - Palmer, Diana – *The Maverick*
 - Rollins, James – *Altar of Eden*

January

- Bloom, Amy – *Where the God of Love Hangs out*
 - Crais, Robert – *First Rule*
 - Delinsky, Barbara – *Not My Daughter*
 - Higgins, Jack – *Wolf at the Door*
 - Keyes, Marian – *Brightest Star in the Sky*
- Lescroart, John – *Treasure Hunt*
 - Oates, Joyce Carol – *A Fair Maiden*
 - Parker, T. Jefferson – *Iron River*
 - Patterson, James – *Worst Case* (2/1/10)
 - Preston, Douglas – *Impact*
 - Tyler, Anne – *Noah’s Compass*
 - Woods, Stuart - *Kisser*

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It’s Show Time!

All the New Bedford libraries have movie licenses and will be bringing you a mix of old and new films for adults and children every month

November

Lawler	November 3 @2pm – <i>Moonstruck</i> November 17 @2pm – <i>3:10 to Yuma</i> Cartoons will be shown every Saturday before story hour
Wilks	November 4 @1pm – <i>Stardust</i> November 14 @11am – <i>Monsters vs. Aliens</i>
Howland-Green	November 10 @5:30pm – <i>Black Hawk Down</i> November 28 @2pm – <i>Monsters vs. Aliens</i>
Casa da Saudade	November 14 @1pm – <i>Madagascar: Escape 2 Africa</i> November 16 @3pm – <i>Grey Gardens</i>
Main	November 18 @6pm – <i>Race to Witch Mountain</i>

December

Lawler	December 1 @2pm – <i>Odd Couple</i> December 15 @2pm – <i>White Christmas</i> December 22 @2pm – <i>Fiddler on the Roof</i> Cartoons will be shown every Saturday before story hour
Wilks	December 1 @5:30pm – <i>Star Trek</i> (2009) December 12 @11am – <i>The Muppet Christmas Carol</i>
Howland-Green	December 15 @5:30pm – <i>The Taking of Pelham 123</i> December 19 @2pm – <i>The Polar Express</i>
Casa da Saudade	December 12 @1pm – Holiday cartoon classics: <i>How the Grinch Stole Christmas; I Want a Dog for Christmas, Charlie Brown</i> December 14 @3pm – <i>Behind the Sun</i> (in Portuguese)
Main	December 14 @6pm – <i>Elf</i> December 16 @6pm – <i>Tim Burton’s The Nightmare before Christmas</i>

Museum Passes: Don’t forget to take advantage of the free and discounted museum passes offered by the New Bedford libraries! All libraries have free passes to the Buttonwood Zoo. The Main Library also has discounted passes to:

- New Bedford Whaling Museum
- Boston Children’s Museum
- JFK Presidential Library & Museum
- Museum of Fine Arts
- Museum of Science
- New England Aquarium
- Plimoth Plantation

Call any library or you can reserve your passes through our Web site!

What’s Going On?

Ongoing

Story Hours - Fall story time runs from September 28th to December 5th.

- Wilks – Wednesdays @10:30am
- Howland-Green – Thursdays @3:30pm
- Casa – Portuguese story hour – Tuesdays - Nov. 17, Dec. 15 @6pm
- Main Library – Saturdays @11am
- Lawler – Saturdays @1pm

Read across the City – Family story hours in celebration of Family Literacy Month.
Saturday, November 21
Main, Casa, Howland-Green and Wilks Libraries @11am; Lawler Library @1pm

Matinee Magic – Free movies at every library. See page 6 for movies and times.

Exhibits

“First Class Theatre & Magnificent Photo Dramas: The ‘Z’ Through Time”
September 22 – January 2; Main Library, 3rd floor
This exhibit traces the history of the Zeiterion Theatre using photographs and other memorabilia.

November

2, 13, 24, 30	Scrabble Scramble – Come play Scrabble! ➤ Lawler Library; 1 – 3pm
5, 19	Writers’ Group – Come discuss your work and get tips and feedback. All writers welcome. ➤ Wilks Library; 6 – 7:30pm
10	Lawler Library Book Club – Any Frederick Douglass biography ➤ Lawler Library; 2 – 4pm
12	Book a Trip around the World – Join storyteller Karen Chace on this trip around the world through folktales and fairy tales. Sponsored by The Early Literacy Consortium ➤ Main Library, Children’s Room; 6pm
17	Wilks Library Book Club (Book Bites) – November’s book is <i>Midnight in the Garden of Good and Evil</i> by John Berendt. ➤ Wilks Library; 6 – 7:30pm
18	Lecture – “An Evening with the Colonel” – Friends of the New Bedford Free Public Library event (See page 1 for more details.) ➤ Wamsutta Club; 6:30pm
24	Lecture – “In Search of Chestnuts” – Author Dawn Blake Souza discusses her work. ➤ Howland-Green Library; 6pm

December

3, 17	Writers’ Group – Come discuss your work and get tips and feedback. All writers welcome. ➤ Wilks Library; 6 – 7:30pm
7, 17	Scrabble Scramble – Come play Scrabble! ➤ Lawler Library; 1pm
8	Lawler Library Book Club – December’s book is <i>Honolulu</i> by Alan Brennert. ➤ Lawler Library; 2 – 4pm
10	Identity Theft – A speaker from the Better Business Bureau will discuss ways to protect yourself from identity theft – especially important with the season of online holiday shopping approaching! ➤ Wilks Library; 1pm
11	Lecture – David Leite will speak about his new book, <i>The New Portuguese Table</i> ➤ Casa da Saudade Library; 6pm
15	Wilks Library Book Club (Book Bites) – December’s book is <i>Mr. Pip</i> by Lloyd Jones. ➤ Wilks Library; 6 – 7:30pm

Hours & Locations

Main Library
613 Pleasant St.
508-991-6275
TTY: 508-991-6258

Monday:	9am – 9pm
Tuesday:	9am – 9pm
Wednesday:	1pm – 9pm
Thursday:	9am – 9pm
Friday:	9am – 12:30pm
Saturday:	9am – 5pm

Genealogy Department
3rd floor of Main Library
508-991-6276

Monday:	9am – 9pm
Tuesday:	9am – 9pm
Wednesday:	1pm – 9pm
Thursday:	9am – 5pm
Friday:	9am – 12:30pm
Saturday:	9am – 1pm; 2pm – 5pm

Art Room
3rd floor of Main Library
508-979-1787

Monday:	closed
Tuesday:	1pm – 5pm
Wednesday:	1pm – 5pm
Thursday:	1pm – 5pm; 6pm – 9pm
Friday:	9am – 12:30pm
Saturday:	9am – 1pm; 2pm – 5pm

Casa da Saudade	Mon:	10am – 6pm
58 Crapo St.	Tue:	12pm – 8pm
508-991-6218	Wed:	10am – 6pm
Wilks	Thu:	12pm – 8pm
1911 Acushnet Ave.	Fri:	closed
508-991-6214	Sat:	9am – 5pm

Lawler	Mon:	10am – 6pm
745 Rockdale Ave.	Tue:	12pm – 8pm
508-991-6216	Wed:	closed
Howland-Green	Thu:	12pm – 8pm
3 Rodney French Blvd.	Fri:	10am – 6pm
508-991-6212	Sat:	9am – 5pm

Bookmobile
The Bookmobile visits schools, neighborhoods and adult centers throughout New Bedford. For the Bookmobile schedule, please call 508-991-6214.

Mango Languages

The New Bedford Free Public Library is excited to offer a whole new way to learn a foreign language at your own pace: Mango Languages.

Mango Languages allows remote online access to patrons to learn at home, at their convenience. Mango also features a unique comprehensive teaching approach that utilizes both audio and visual cues to assist users in language retention using step-by-step lesson plans for six different languages.

We offer ESL lessons for Brazilian Portuguese and Spanish speakers, as well as lessons for learning Brazilian Portuguese, Spanish, French and Mandarin Chinese.

Simply go to the library’s website: www.newbedfordlibrary.org and click on the link for Mango Languages. (You will be required to enter your library card number.) If it is your first time using this great new resource, simply create a new account and start learning. You can choose any of the six languages, or you can choose them all.



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